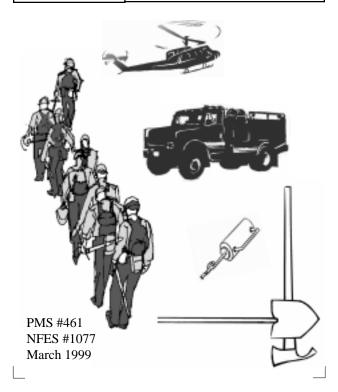


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Report on Conditions

Incident Name - All incidents.
Incident Commander - All incidents.
Incident type -Wildland fire, vehicle accident, hazardous materials (HazMat), search and rescue, etc.

Incident Status - Fire - creeping, running, spotting, crowning; Vehicle blocking road, overside, etc. Location - Use landmarks, legal and la

Location - Use landmarks, legal and lat/long.

Jurisdiction - Agency with jurisdiction. **Radio Frequencies** - All incidents.

Incident Size - Fire and HazMat.

Fuel Type - Fire incidents only.

Wind Speed and Direction - Fire,

HazMat, All-risk, SAR.

Slope and Aspect - Fire and HazMat.

Best Access - All types.

Special Hazards or Concerns - For air and ground units.

Additional Resource Needs - Personnel, equipment.



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Risk Management Process

Step 1 Situation Awareness
Gather Information
☐ Objective(s) ☐ Previous Fire Behavior
☐ Communication ☐ Weather Forecast
☐ Who's in Charge ☐ Local Factors
Scout the Fire
Step 2 Hazard Assessment
Estimate Potential Fire Behavior Hazards
 Look Up/Down/Around Indicators
Identify Tactical Hazards
☐ Watch Outs
☐ Urban/Wildland Watch Outs
What other safety hazards exist?
Step 3 Hazard Control
Establish Anchor Point and LCES - MANDATORY
☐ LCES Checklist
 Downhill Checklist
What other controls are necessary?
Step 4 Decision Point
Are controls in place for identified hazards?
NO - Reassess situation YES - Next question
Are selected tactics based on expected fire behavior?
NO - Reassess situation YES - Next question
Have instructions been given and understood?
NO - Reassess situation YES - Initiate action
Step 5 Evaluate
Self: Low experience level with local factors?
Distracted from primary tasks?
Fatigue or stress reaction?
Hazardous attitude?
The Situation: What is changing?

Look Up, Down and Around (Pay special attention to indicators in bold print.)

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Indicators
Continuous fine fuels
Heavy loading of dead and down
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Tight crown spacing (<20 ft.)
Special Conditions: Firebrand sources
Numerous snags Preheated canopy
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Frost and bug kill Unusual fine fuels
High dead to live ratio
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Low RH (<25%)
Low 10 hr FMC (<6%)
Drought conditions
Seasonal drying
High temps (>85F)
High % of fuels w/direct sun
Aspect fuel temp. increasing
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Steep slopes (>50%)
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Steep slopes (>50%) Chutes - Chimneys

Look Up, Down and Around (Pay special attention to indicators in bold print.)

Fire Environment Factors	Indicators
Wind Observe	Surface winds above 10 mph Lenticular clouds High, fast-moving clouds Approaching cold fronts Cumulonimbus development Sudden calm Battling or shifting winds
Stability Observe	Good visibility Gusty winds and dust devils Cumulus clouds Castellatus clouds in the a.m. Smoke rises straight up Inversion beginning to lift Thermal belt
Fire Behavior Watch	Leaning column Sheared column Well-developed column Changing column Trees torching Smoldering fires picking up Small firewhirls beginning Frequent spot fires

Tactical Watch Outs

Position

1. Building fireline downhill.

- 2. Building underslung or mid-slope fireline.
- 3. Building indirect fireline, or unburned fuel remains between you and the fire.
- 4. Attempting frontal assault on the fire, or you are delivered by air to the top of the fire.
- 5. Terrain and/or fuels make escape to safety zones difficult.

Situation

- 6. Small fire transitioning to a larger fire or an isolated area of a large fire.
- 7. Suppression resources are fatigued or inadequate.
- 8. Assignment depends on aircraft support.
- 9. Night-time operations.
- 10. Wildland-Urban interface operations.

Each of these Watch Outs require that you implement appropriate hazard control(s).

Wildland-Urban Watch Outs

- Wooden construction and wood shake roofs.
- Poor access and narrow one-way roads.
- Inadequate water supply.
- Natural fuels 30' or closer to structures.
- Extreme fire behavior.
- Strong winds.

- Evacuation of public (panic).
- Structures in chimneys, box canyons, narrow canyons, or on steep slopes (30% or greater) in flashy fuels.
- Bridge load limits.

Powerline Safety

- Downed conductor on vehicle: stay in vehicle until power company arrives. If the vehicle is on fire or fire is near, jump clear, but don't hang on. Keep feet together and bunny hop away.
- Don't operate heavy equipment under powerlines.
- Don't use rights-of-way as a jump or cargo drop spot.
- Don't drive with long antennas under powerlines.
- Don't fuel vehicles under powerlines.
- Don't stand near powerlines during retardant drops.
- Don't park under powerlines.
- Don't apply straight stream to powerlines.

LCES Checklist

Lookout(s) Experienced / Competent / Trusted Enough lookouts at good vantage points Knowledge of crew locations Knowledge of escape and safety locations Map / Weather Kit / Watch / IAP Communication(s) Radio frequencies confirmed Backup and check-ins established Update on any situation change Sound alarm early, not late Escape Route(s) More than one escape route Scouted: Soils / Rocks / Steep / Vegetation Timed: Slowest person / Fatigue & Temp Factors Marked: Flagged for day or night Safety Zone(s) Survivable without a fire shelter Natural: Clean Burn / Rock Areas / Water Man-Made: Constructed Sites / Clearcuts / Roads Vehicles for escape Scouted for size and hazards Close enough considering escape time Located to avoid hazardous terrain features Upslope?=More heat impact=Larger safety zone Downwind?=More heat impact=Larger safety zone Heavy Fuels?=More heat impact=Larger safety zone LCES must be established and known to ALL firefighters BEFORE needed.

Downhill Checklist

Downhill fireline construction is hazardous in steep terrain, fast-burning fuels, or rapidly changing weather. Downhill fireline construction should not be attempted unless there is no tactical alternative. When building downhill fireline, the following is required:

- Crew supervisor(s) and fireline overhead will discuss assignments prior to committing crew(s). Responsible overhead individual will stay with job until completed (TFLD or ICT4 qualified or better).
- 2. Decision will be made after proposed fireline has been scouted by supervisor(s) of involved crew(s).
- **3.** L.C.E.S. will be coordinated for all personnel involved.
 - Crew supervisor(s) is in direct contact with lookout who can see the fire.
 - Communication is established between all crews.
 - Rapid access to safety zone(s) in case fire crosses below crew(s).
- **4.** Direct attack will be used whenever possible; if not possible, the fireline should be completed between anchor points before being fired out.
- **5.** Fireline will not lie in or adjacent to a chute or chimney.
- **6.** Starting point will be anchored for crew(s) building fireline down from the top.
- 7. Bottom of the fire will be monitored; if the potential exists for the fire to spread, action will be taken to secure the fire edge.

Common Denominators of Fire Behavior on Tragedy Fires

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- Incidents that happen on smaller fires or on isolated portions of larger fires.
- Fires that look innocent before "flareups" or "blow-ups." In some cases, tragedies occur in the mop-up stage.
- Flare-ups that generally occur in deceptively light fuels.
- Fires that run uphill surprisingly fast in chimneys, gullies, and on steep slopes.
- Wind in which direction or wind speed unexpectedly shifts.

Safety Zone Guidelines

Size requirements for suitable safety zones for the following ranges of flame heights:

Flame Height	Area in Square Feet (sf)	Area in Acres (ac)
10 ft	5,026 sf	0.11 ac
20 ft	20,106 sf	0.46 ac
50 ft	125,664 sf	2.88 ac
75 ft	282,743 sf	6.5 ac
100 ft	502,655 sf	11.5 ac
200 ft	2,010,620 sf	46.2 ac

Structure Assessment Checklist

Address/Property Name

- Numerical street address, ranch name, etc.
- Residents on site?

Road Access

- Paved, gravel or dirt.
- Number of lanes, vegetation clearance, defensible, safety zones.
- Undercarriage problems, 4x4 only?
- Turn outs, turn arounds.
- Bridges adequate support structure?
- Creek crossings approach angle, crossing surface.
- Terrain road slope, position on slope, near chimneys, saddles, canyon bottom.
- Grade greater than 15%?

Structure/Building

- Single residence, multiple occupancy, barn, fuel storage, unknown storage.
- Exterior walls stucco or other noncombustible, wood frame, wood shake, or other combustible. Large unprotected windows facing heat source?
- Roof asphalt or fiberglass shingle, tile, rock, metal or other low-combustible material; wood shake, debris, or other easily combustible material?
- Eaves covered and little overhang; exposed with large overhang exposure?

Structure Assessment Checklist (cont.)

Structure/Building (continued)

• Other features - exposed wooden structural elements, overhangs slope, attached wood deck, lightweight flammable curtains

Exposures/Defensible Space

- 100' vegetation clearance, max. 18" high, 15% or less slope, good ground clearance, vegetation is low-combustible type. Or is clearance less than described?
- Predominant fuel bed in area surrounding structure is light-, medium-, heavy-continuous/ non-continuous.
- Flammable trees adjacent to structure?
- Other combustibles adjacent to structure?
- High voltage lines or transformers near apparatus placement areas?
- Structure located on narrow ridge, knoll, narrow canyon, chimney, mid-slope; defensible space less than 200'?

Hazardous Materials

· Pesticides, herbicides, DOT/NFPA/UN symbols, other.

Available Water

· Hydrant or standpipe, water storage tank with valve, swimming pool with access. **Evacuation Needs** - What is required?

Estimated Resources for Protection

• Number and type engines, water tenders, crews, dozers?

Structure Protection Checklist

- Stay mobile; keep engine running, red lights on.
- Back in equipment for quick escape.

- Coil a short 1-1/2" charged line with fog nozzle on your engine for safety and quick knock-down.
- Use short hose-lays. Know turnouts and bridge limits.
- Keep at least 100 gallons of water in your tank.
- Check roads before the fire hits.
- Check each home for defense. Use Structure Assessment Checklist (next page).
- Determine if residents are home. Advise residents of escape routes, safety zones and evacuation center. Ask residents to evacuate threatened livestock or pets. Leave home lights on inside and out, day and night.
- Place owner's ladder at a corner of home on side least threatened by fire.
- Coil and charge garden hoses.
- Check and mark HazMat; i.e., LPG, pesticides, paint storage (refer to page 23).
- Don't enter a burning structure unless you are trained, equipped and authorized.
- If a home becomes well-involved, LEAVE IT; move on to one you can save.
- ALWAYS WEAR ALL YOUR SAFETY GEAR.
- Firefighter safety and survival is the number one priority.

After Action Review

What was planned?

• Review the primary objectives and expected action plan.

What actually happened?

Review the day's actions:
 Identify and discuss effective and non-effective performance.
 Identify barriers that were encountered and how they were handled.
 Discuss all actions that were not standard eperating procedure, or those that presented safety problems.

Why did it happen?

• Discuss the reasons for ineffective or unsafe performance. Concentrate on WHAT, not WHO, is right.

What can we do next time?

• Determine lessons learned and how to apply them in the future.

Line Spike

The "Line Spike," or "Coyote," is a progressive line construction technique in which self-sufficient crews build fireline until the end of an operational period, remain overnight (RON) at or near that point, and then begin again the next operational period. Crews should be properly equipped and prepared to spend two or three shifts on the line with minimal support from the incident base.

Operational and Logistical Considerations

- Meals during line spike operational periods may consist of rations and/or sack lunches.
- The line spike generally will not last more than two or three operational periods for any one crew.
- Division supervisors will be responsible for establishing on and off operational period times.
- Crews working line spike operational periods will be re-supplied on the fireline as close as possible to the RON point.

Line Spike Considerations

- Can line spike locations maintain LCES at all times?
- Can emergency medical technicians be on the line?
- · Can a timely medivac plan be implemented?
- Can daily communications (verbal and written) be maintained?
- · Can food and water be provided daily?
- Is each crew boss comfortable with the assignment?

Line Spike (continued)

Additional Considerations:

- Bringing toothbrush/paste, extra socks/underwear, light coat, double lunch, space blanket, etc.
- Considering early in the operational period where the crew(s) will RON, and that the location provides for safety and logistical needs of the crew; i.e., main fire poses no threat, helicopters can longline or land at site, personnel are provided semi-flat ground to sleep on, adequate firewood exists for warming fires, etc.
- Anticipating re-supply needs and placing those orders early in the operational period. Crew leaders should make arrangements to have qualified individuals at RON locations to accept those orders by long-line or internal helicopter operations.
- Taking measures to prevent problems with food, trash, etc. in areas where bears are a concern. It's a common practice to leave one or more individuals with radio communications at the RON location to coordinate the "back haul" of trash or the prepositioning of reusable supplies to advanced RON locations.
- How crew time and commissary items will be managed. Normally this function can be provided by using in-/out-bound helicopter flights at the RON location, or the time is turned in upon returning to the incident base.
- How medical emergencies will be managed. An emergency medical technician may be needed at the RON location.

Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics

The intent of minimum impact suppression tactics is to suppress a wildfire with the least impact to the land. Fire conditions and good judgment dictate the actions taken. Consider what is necessary to halt fire spread and contain it within the fireline or designated perimeter boundary.

A. Safety

- · Safety is of utmost importance.
- Constantly review and apply the "Watch Out Situations" and "Fire Orders."
- Be particularly cautious with:
 - Burning snags allowed to burn.
 - Burning or partially burned live and dead trees.
 - Unburned fuel between you and the fire.
 - Identify hazard trees with either observer, flagging and/or glow-sticks.
- Be constantly aware of surroundings, expected fire behavior, and possible fire perimeter 1 or 2 days hence.

B. Fire Lining Phase

- Select procedures, tools, equipment that least impact the environment.
- Seriously consider using water as a firelining tactic (fireline constructed with nozzle pressure, wetlining).
- In light fuels, consider:
 - Cold-trail line.
 - Allowing fire to burn to natural barrier.
 - Burning-out and use of "gunny" sack or swatter.
 - Constantly rechecking cold-trailed fireline.
 - If constructed fireline is necessary, using minimum width and depth to check fire spread.

Minimum Impact (continued)

• In medium/heavy fuels, consider:

- Using natural barriers and cold-trailing.
- Cooling with dirt and water, and cold-trailing.
- If constructed fireline is necessary, using minimum width and depth to check fire spread.
- Minimizing bucking to establish fireline. Preferably move or roll downed material out of the intended constructed fireline area. If moving or rolling out is not possible, or the downed log/bole is already on fire, build line around and let material be consumed.

• Aerial fuels -- brush, trees, and snags:

- Adjacent to fireline: Limb only enough to prevent additional fire spread.
- Inside fireline: Remove or limb only those fuels that if ignited would have potential to spread fire outside the fireline.
- Brush or small trees that are necessary to cut during fireline construction will be cut flush with the ground.

Trees, burned trees, and snags:

- MINIMIZE cutting of trees, burned trees, and snags.
- Live trees will not be cut, unless determined they will cause fire spread across the fireline or endanger workers. If tree cutting occurs, cut the stumps flush with the ground.
- Scrape around tree bases near fireline if hot and likely to cause fire spread.
- Identify hazardous trees with either an observer, flagging, and/or glow-sticks.

• When using indirect attack:

- Do not fall snags on the intended unburned side of the constructed fireline, unless they are a safety hazard to crews.
- On the intended burn-out side of the line, fall only those snags that would reach the fireline should they burn and fall over.
 Consider alternative means to falling, i.e., fireline explosives, bucket drops.
- Review items listed above (aerial fuels; brush, trees, and snags).

Minimum Impact (continued)

C. Mop-Up Phase

- Consider using "hot-spot" detection devices along perimeter (aerial or hand-held).
- Light fuels:
- Cold-trail areas adjacent to unburned fuels.
- Do minimal spading; restrict spading to hot areas near fireline
- Use extensive cold-trailing to detect hot areas.
- Medium and heavy fuels:
- Cold-trail charred logs near fireline; do minimal scraping or tool scarring.
- Minimize bucking of logs to check for hot spots or extinguish fire; preferably roll the logs and extinguish the fire
- Return logs to original position after checking or ground is cool.
- Refrain from making boneyards; burned/partially burned fuels that were moved should be arranged in natural position as much as possible.
- Consider allowing larger logs near the fireline to burnout, instead of bucking into manageable lengths. Use lever, etc., to move large logs.
- Aerial fuels brush, small trees, and limbs.
- Remove or limb only those fuels that if ignited, have potential to spread fire outside the fireline.
- Burning trees and snags.

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FIRE ORDERS

 ${f F}$ ight fire aggressively but provide for **safety first**.

I nitiate all action based on current and expected fire behavior.

R ecognize current weather conditions and obtain forecasts.

 \boldsymbol{E} nsure **instructions** are given and understood.

O btain current information on the fire status.

R emain in **communication** with crew members, your supervisor, and adjoining forces.

D etermine safety zones and escape routes.

E stablish **lookouts** in potentially hazardous situations.

R etain control at all times.

S tay alert, keep calm, think clearly, act decisively.

WATCH OUT SITUATIONS

- 1. Fire not scouted and sized up.
- 2. In country not seen in daylight.
- 3. Safety zones and escape routes not identified.
- 4. Unfamiliar with weather and local factors influencing fire behavior.
- 5. Uninformed on strategy, tactics, and hazards.
- 6. Instructions and assignments not clear.
- 7. No communication link with crew members or supervisor.
- 8. Constructing line without safe anchor point.
- 9. Building fireline downhill with fire below.
- 10. Attempting frontal assault on fire.
- 11. Unburned fuel between you and fire.
- 12. Cannot see main fire; not in contact with someone who can.
- 13. On a hillside where rolling material can ignite fuel below.
- 14. Weather becoming hotter and drier.
- 15. Wind increases and/or changes direction.
- 16. Getting frequent spot fires across line.
- 17. Terrain and fuels make escape to safety zones difficult.
- 18. Taking a nap near fireline.

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Vehicle Accident IC Checklist

Report on Conditions.

- Hazards (fuel, electrical, traffic, access etc.).
- Need for law enforcement, ambulance, helicopter, tow truck, extrication tools.
- Injuries (number of victims, severity).
- Vehicles (number, type).

Establish Traffic Control.

- Place apparatus between oncoming traffic and rescuers. Keep exhaust from pointing at scene, victims.
- Place warning devices.
- Establish positive communications.

Assess Fire Hazard or Potential.

- Take suppression action as needed if trained, equipped and authorized.
- Be aware of fuels running downgrade.

Perform Patient Assessment.

- Provide first aid or triage assessment.
- If there are fatalities, do not give names or other information over radio that would reveal identity, and do not move body.

Begin Incident Report. Document All Events. Advise Agency Dispatcher of Changes.

• Incident status; i.e. arrival of other units, patient transport, available on scene, etc.

HazMat IC Checklist

Think Safety

- Safe approach: upwind/upgrade/upstream.
- · Isolate and deny entry.
- · Notify agency dispatcher.
- Request needed assistance via safe route.

Scene Management

- Goal is to protect life, environment and property.
- Attempt to identify substance using North American Emergency Response Guide, occupancy/location, placards/labels, container shapes/colors, MSDS, shipping papers. Use binoculars!
- Assess situation.
- · Exact location.
- Identity and quantity of material involved.
- · Exposures and hazards.

Assume role of IC until relieved by responsible agency

- Assign safety officer.
- Develop action plan for area security and evacuation. Advise dispatcher.
- Advise all units of changes in situation.
- · Document all actions taken and contacts.
- Document employee exposure.

Rules of thumb for isolation distances:

- Minor event (1 drum, 1 bag, etc.) = 150'
- Major event (more than 1 drum, etc.) = 500'
- Residential and light commercial = 300'
- Open areas = 1000'
- BLEVE potential = 2500'
- Stage arriving units 2500' upwind.
- Position vehicles headed out.

NFPA 704 HazMat Classification For Fixed Facilities

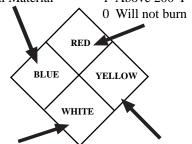
HEALTH HAZARD

4 Deadly

- 3 Extreme Danger
- 2 Hazardous
- 1 Slightly Hazardous
- 0 Normal Material

FIRE HAZARD

- 4 Below 73°F
- 3 Below 100°F
- 2 Below 100°F not exceeding 200°F
- 1 Above 200°F



SPECIFIC HAZARD

ACID - Acid

ALK - Alkali

COR - Corrosive

OXY - Oxidizer

P - Polymerization

- Radioactive

₩ - Use no water

REACTIVITY

- 4 May detonate
- 3 Shock & heat may detonate
- 2 Violent chemical change
- 1 Unstable if heated
- 0 Stable

Major Disaster Considerations

• Assess crews for injuries.

- Move apparatus out of station if possible.
- Assess the station for damage.
- Determine if phones are working.
- Check for power normal or auxiliary?
- Monitor phone and radio for dispatch information.
- Report by radio to dispatch or IC if established.
- Initiate a "windshield survey" of first response area.
- Do not fully commit to any incident.
 - Prioritize incidents with respect to life, hazard, property.
 - Note any damage to infrastructure (roads, bridges, etc.).
 - Check for hazardous utility situations (gas, electric, water).
 - Note structural instability/collapse of any buildings.
 - Expect malfunctioning automatic alarms.
 - Use "negative reporting." Only report things out of the ordinary.
- Follow local disaster plans.

Structural Triage and Search Assessment Marking

Assessment Marking			
Never enter a damaged structure unless authorized. You may find a 2'x 2' box ndicate the entrance) to the compromi vaint or a lumber crayon should be use condition inside the box. Structure is safe for Search and lor structure is fully collapsed).	at the entrance (or an arrow to sed structure. Orange spray d to mark hazards and		
Structure is significantly damage other areas which need to be she collapse hazards need to be reme	red up or braced. Falling and		
Structure is unsafe for SAR. Ma	y collapse suddenly.		
← Entrance is located in direction of	of the arrow.		
HM Hazardous material is present (n HazMat Team and cooperate.	ote type of material). Consult		
Fime, date, specialist ID and HazMats identified should be written outside the upper right portion of the box. Building may be re- evaluated for additional hazards.			
/ Single slash (2' long) indicates S structure conducting operations.	SAR Team is currently in		
Cross/slash (2'x 2') indicates SA	AR Team has left structure, area.		
The following information should be found in the 4 quadrants of the cross/slash:			
Team ID Left quad. Fime & date team left structure Upper quad Personnel hazards Right quad Number victims still inside structure (An "X" indicates no victims remaining)			

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)

• Recognizing unexploded ordnance (UXO) is the first and most important step in reducing the risk posed by UXO.

The following types of UXO are most likely to be encountered on military, former military and nonmilitary sites:

Small arms munitions Hand grenades Guided missiles Projected grenades Submunitions Rifle grenades **Projectiles** Rockets Mortars

- UXO may be found fully intact or in fragments. All UXO, whether intact or in fragments, presents a potential hazard and should be treated as such.
- Deteriorated UXO presents a particular hazard because it may contain chemical agents that could become exposed.
- UXO Safety and Reporting. UXO poses risk of injury or death to anyone in the vicinity. If you see UXO, stop. Do not move closer.
- Never transmit radio frequencies (walkie talkies, citizens' band radios).
- Never remove anything near UXO.
- Never touch, move, or disturb UXO.
- Clearly mark the UXO area.
- Avoid any area where UXO is located.
- Keep a minimum of 500 feet away from any UXO that is on fire.
- Report discovery of UXO to your immediate supervisor.

"IF YOU DIDN'T DROP IT, DON'T PICK IT UP!"

Evaluating Search Urgency

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FACTOR	RATING
AGE	
Very Young	1
Very Old	1
Other	2-3
MEDICAL CONDITION	
Known/suspected injured, ill or mental problem	1-2
Healthy	3
Known Fatality	3
NUMBER OF SUBJECTS	
One alone	1
More than one (unless separated)	2-3
SUBJECT EXPERIENCE PROFILE	
Inexperienced, does not know area	1
Not experienced, knows area	1-2
Experienced, not familiar with area	2
Experienced, knows area	3
WEATHER PROFILE	
Past and/or existing hazardous weather	1
Predicted hazardous weather (less than 8 hours away)	
Predicted hazardous weather (more than 8 hours away	
No hazardous weather predicted	3
EQUIPMENT PROFILE	
Inadequate for environment and weather	1
Questionable for environment and weather	1-2
Adequate for environment and weather	3
TERRAIN/HAZARDS PROFILE	
Known terrain or other hazards	1
Few or no hazards	2-3
TOTAL	

(Range = 7-21, with 7 the highest urgency and 21 the lowest urgency)

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Patient Assessment

Patient Information:

- Name
 - Weight
- Date of Birth/Age

• Place

• Sex

- · Chief complaint Oriented to:
 - Person • Purpose • Disoriented • Time
- Response to pain: • Purposeful
- - No response • Non-purposeful
 - Unconscious

Breathing:

- Normal
- Unequal
- Rales

- Stridor
- Wheezes • Apnea
- RHonchi • Other

Skin Vitals:

<u>Color</u>	Moisture	Temperature
Normal	Normal	Normal
Pale/Ashen	Dry	Hot
Cyanotic	Moist	Cool
Flushed	Profuse	Cold

Pupils:

- P.E.R.L.
- Pinpoint Fixed
- Unequal · Dilated
- Midpoint **Patient History:**
 - Hx of complaint Cardiac • Diabetes • Unknown
- No Hx • Seizure
 - COPD
- CVA
- Hypertension

- Other

First Aid Guidelines

LEGALITY: Do only what you know how to do and keep records of actions.

BLOODBORN PATHOGENS: Personal protective equipment (pocket mask, latex gloves and goggles) should be worn if contact with body fluids is possible.

TREATMENT PRINCIPLES:

- Think-prevent further injury; remove from danger. No liquids for the unconscious.
- Fast Exam-airway, breathing and circulation.
- Thorough Exam-head to toe and side to side (symmetry).
- Keep readable records and send a copy with the patient when evacuating.

SPECIFIC TREATMENTS:

Bleeding: Direct pressure, elevate, and pressure point. **Shock:** Lay patient down, elevate feet, keep warm and replace fluids if conscious.

Fractures: Splint joints above and below injury and monitor pulse past injury away from body.

Bee Sting (anaphylaxis): Life threatening see if the patient has a sting kit and transport immediately.

Burns: Remove heat source, cool with water, dry wrap and replace fluids.

Diarrhea: Drink fluids in large quantities.

Eye injuries: Wash out foreign material, don't open swollen eyes, leave impaled objects and pad and bandage both eyes. Heat exhaustion: Skin gray, cool and clammy. Rest in cool place and replace electrolytes.

Heat stroke: Skin dry, red, temperature hot. Cool and

transport immediately.

CPR

Determine responsiveness - Gently shake shoulder and shout: "Are you OK?" If no response, call EMS. If alone, call EMS before starting **ABC**s.

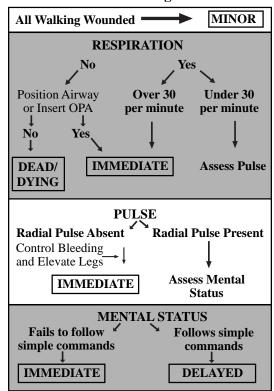
Airway - roll victim on back as a unit supporting head and neck. Open airway by head-tilt/chin-lift maneuver. Look, listen and feel for breathing for 3 to 5 seconds. If no response, go to **B**.

Breathing - Pinch victim's nose shut. Put mouth over victim's, making a tight seal. Give 2 slow breaths. If chest does not rise, reposition and try again. If breaths still do not go through, use abdominal thrusts to clear airway. If chest does rise, go to **C**.

Circulation - Check carotid pulse for 5 to 10 seconds. If there is a pulse but no breathing, give 1 breath every 5 seconds until victim is breathing or help arrives. If no pulse, begin chest compressions.

One/Two Rescuer CPR - Perform 15 external chest compressions at the rate of 80 to 100 times per minute to a 1.5 to 2" depth. Reopen airway and give 2 full breaths. After 4 cycles of 15:2 (about 1 minute), check pulse. If no pulse, continue 15:2 cycle beginning with chest compressions until advanced life support is available. If 2 rescuers are available, use a 5:1 compressions to breaths ratio. Use a 5:1 ratio for children and infants with compressions at a rate of 100 times per minute. Use a 1 to 1.5" depth for children and a .5 to 1" depth for infants.

START Triage



Disaster Size-up Information

TRIAGE SYSTEM

<u>Color</u>	Priority	<u>Description</u>
Red	Immediate	Serious, salvageable, life- threatening injury or medical problem.
Yellow	Delayed	Treatment and transportation can be delayed
Green	Minor	"Walking wounded" whose treatment can be delayed until all others are cared for.
Black	Dead/ dying	Dead or those with grave injuries likely to result in death

Burn Injury Treatment

- Remove person from heat source, extinguish with water.
- Provide basic first aid:

- Maintain airway, breathing, circulation (ABCs)
- Treat for shock by keeping person warm, feel elevated
- Provide oxygen, if available trained to administer
- · Assess degree of burn and area affected.

First Degree - affected skin's outer layer. Redness, mild swelling, tenderness, and mild to moderate pain.

Second Degree - extends through entire outer layer and into inner layer of skin. Blisters, swelling, weeping of fluids, and severe pain.

Third Degree - extends through all skin layers and into underlying fat, muscle, bone. Discoloration (charred, white or cherry red), leathery, parchment-like, dry appearance. Pain is absent.

"Rule of Nine" for determining area burned:

Head	9%	Front Torso	18%
Back Torso	18%	Left Arm	9%
Right Arm	9%	Left Leg	9%
Right Leg	9%	Perineum	1%

- Cut away only burned clothing. DO NOT cut away clothing stuck to burned skin.
- Apply cool, clear water over burned area. DO NOT soak person or use cold water and ice packs. This encourages hypothermia.
- Cover burned area with sterile dressing, moisten with saline solution, and apply dry dressing on top.
- For severe burns or burns covering large area of body -
 - wrap in clean, sterile sheet followed by plastic sheet
 - place inside sleeping bag or cover with insulated blanket
- · Monitor ABCs and keep burn areas moist.
- Avoid hypothermia and overheating.

Snag Safety

Environmental conditions that increase snag hazards:

• Strong winds

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- Night operations
- Steep slopes
- Diseased or bug-kill areas

Hazard tree indicators:

- Trees have been burning for an extended period
- High risk tree species (rot and shallow root system)
- Numerous down trees
- Dead or broken tps and limbs overhead
- Accumulation of down limbs
- Absence of needles, bark or limbs
- Leaning or hung-up trees

Thunderstorm Safety

The mature stage of a storm may be noted by a sudden reverse in wind direction, a noticeable rise in wind speed, and a sharp drop in temperature. Heavy rain, hail and lightning occur only in the mature stage of a thunderstorm.

During a storm:

- Stay out of dry creek beds.
- Do not use radios or telephones.
- Put down all tools.
- Sit or crouch if in open country.
- Avoid grouping together.
- Do not handle flammable materials in open containers.
- Stay in your vehicle. Take shelter in vehicles if possible.
- Turn off machinery, electric motors.
 Take shelter in a building if available.
- When there is no shelter, avoid high objects such as lone trees. If only isolated trees are nearby, the best protection is to crouch in the open, keeping a distance of twice the height of the tree away. Keep away from wire fences, telephone lines, and conductive elevated objects.
- Avoid ridge tops, hilltops, wide-open spaces, ledges, rock outcroppings, exposed shelters.
- Advise crew that if they feel an electrical charge - if their hair stands on end or their skin tingles - lightning may be about to strike them. They must drop to the ground immediately.

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Aviation User Checklist

- Pilot's Card–qualified and current for aircraft type and mission?
- Aircraft Card-aircraft approved for mission?
- Flight Plan/Following–filed (FAA/Agency/Bureau)?
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)—required for missions—available and worn by all passengers and pilot?
- Pilot briefed on Mission Objectives/Parameters of Flight and Known Flight Hazards?
- Pilot briefing to passengers including:
 - Aircraft approach and departure paths
 - Seat belt use and adjustment
 - Smoking rules

- Fire extinguisher(s) location and use
- Emergency exits location and use
- Survival equipment location and use
- Oxygen (if available) location and use
- ELT location and use
- Other emergency procedures, i.e. fuel and electric shut-off
- Radio operations
- Equipment or tools NEVER store under seats while transporting passengers

Aviation Watch Out Situations

- Is this flight necessary?
- Who is in charge?

- Are all hazards identified and have you made them known?
- Should you stop the operation or flight due to change in conditions?
 Communications? Weather?
 Confusion? Turbulence?
 Conflicting Priorities? Personnel?
- Is there a better way to do it?
- Are you driven by an overwhelming sense of urgency?
- Can you justify your actions?
- Are there other aircraft in the area?
- Do you have an escape route?
- Are there any rules being broken?
- Are communications getting tense?
- Are you deviating from the assigned operation or flight?

Flight Following

Flight following, resource tracking, and communications are key components in employee and aircraft mission safety and efficiency. Flight following, whether performed from a dispatch office or other facility, or at a remote location in the field, must be given a high priority by all personnel involved.

Identification of flight following requirements:

At the time the flight is planned, flight following requirements should be clearly identified. Requirements should identify check-in procedures, including time and locations, dispatch office(s) or other flight following facilities involved, individuals responsible for flight following, frequencies to be used, and any special circumstances requiring check- ins (for example, to military facilities within Special Use Airspace).

Check-In Requirements:

Check-in intervals or times must be specified in the agency's flight following procedures. Check-ins must be documented and provide enough information so that the aircraft can be easily located if it is overdue or missing.

Failure to Meet Check-In Requirements:

The dispatch or other flight following facility shall implement response procedures for overdue or missing aircraft.

Flight Manager

The Flight Manager (FM) is supervised by the sending unit dispatcher until destination is reached. The FM is responsible for all personnel assigned on the manifest list. Duties are:

- To explain to all personnel at the beginning of travel, transportation arrangements, type equipment, route of travel, stopping points, ETAs, etc.
- To have multiple copies of manifests covering all personnel.
- To ensure proper flight following procedures are met.
- To have the telephone numbers of the sending and receiving dispatchers' offices when delays of more than 30 minutes occur in order to give information as to why and how long the delay will be.
- To have all personnel within the weight limitations, assembled, ready to board transportation.
- To provide for safety and welfare of each person assigned to the manifest list.
- To ensure saws and other fuel containers are purged prior to loading.
- To ensure no fuel- or lubricant-soaked items including clothing, chaps or bags are transported by aircraft.
- To check pilot card and aircraft data card for currency and qualifications.
- To ensure all passengers arrive at their destination.
- To sign the Daily Flight report/Invoices.
- To ensure all personnel have a copy of their resource order with request number and position assigned.
- For Canadian travel, to ensure proper documentation is included as outlined in the Canadian/United States Operating Agreement (chapter 40).

Helicopter Passenger Briefing

All passengers must receive a safety briefing prior to flight.

PPÉ - PRÖPER USE

- Hardhat/helmet (fitting, chinstrap)
- Nomex clothing (sleeves down, collar up)
 Leather boots and gloves.

 NORMAL PROCEDURES

- · Entry and exit of aircraft
 - Portable radio turned off
 - Approach-Departure (crouch-do not run)
 Stay away from tail rotor
 Approach/Exit downslope

 - As directed by pilot/helitack personnel **Seating in aircraft**
- - No movement inside aircraft once seated
- Keep seatbelt fastened
 Keep gloves and chinstraps on
- No smoking
- Wait for helitack personnel to unload
 - Leave doors closed
- Do not unbuckle seatbelt until directed by pilot or helitack personnel
 Loading/Unloading tools and equipment
- - Always carry long-handled tools/equipment parallel to ground/never on shoulder
 - Secure any loose items inside cabin
 - All tools and equipment loaded/unloaded by helitack

personnel EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

- · Follow directions from pilot/helitack personnel
- · Location and use of:
 - Emergency Exits First-Aid Kit - Crash positions (demonstrate)
 - Fire Extinguisher
 - ELT/portable radios - Survival Kit
- Depart helicopter only after rotor blades have stopped

Personal Protective Equipment for Flight

Agencies have personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements for most flights. When in doubt, WEAR IT.

- Above-the-ankle leather boots 8" or higher, and no metal against the skin.
- Nomex pants and shirt or flight suit buttoned or zipped to the top, collar turned up, sleeves rolled down. Pants cover the boot tops.
- Nomex or leather gloves.

- Non-synthetic (cotton, wool) outer and undergarments.
- Approved flight helmet or hard hat with chin strap (hard hats apply only to helicopter crew shuttle operations). Eye protection should be worn during takeoffs and landings. Wear eye protection when working around helicopters.
- Approved hearing protection.

Helicopter Landing Area Selection

Choosing a Landing Area:

- Locate a reasonably flat area.
 Choose an area clear of people, vehicles, obstructions such as trees, poles, and especially overhead wires. The area must be free of stumps, brush, posts, large rocks or anything over 18
- · Consider the wind direction. Helicopters land and take off into the wind. Choose an approach free of obstructions.
- Any obstruction should be relayed to the helicopter crew on initial radio contact.
- · Remove or secure any loose items in and around the landing area such as trash, blankets, hats or equipment.
- Wet down the landing area if dusty conditions are present.

FIXED HELISPOTS

Type I Helicopters

- Safety circle 110 feet
- Touchdown pad 30 feet x 30 feet clear and level

Type II Helicopters

- Safety circle 90 feet
- Touchdown pad 20 feet x 20 feet clear and level

Type III Helicopters

- Safety circle 75 feet
- Touchdown Pad 15 feet x 15 feet clear and level

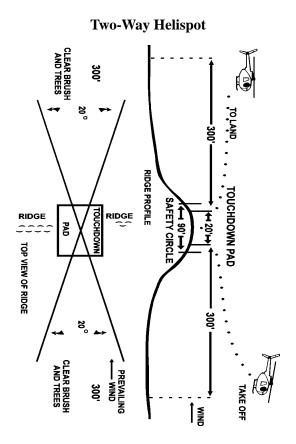
ITEMS NEEDED:

- Twenty (20) lb. fire extinguisher
- Wind Indicator
- Radio-compatible with helicopter
- Pad Marker
- Allowable Payloads (HIGE & HOGE) for all helicopters using helispot
- Passenger/Cargo Manifest Book
- Dust abatement, as needed

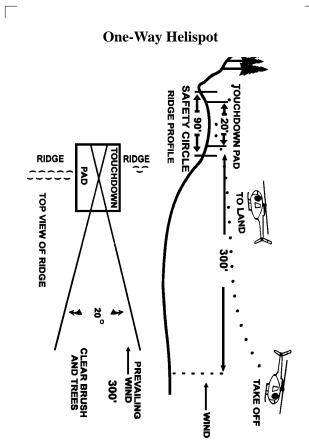
Longline Mission

 All individuals involved in longline missions will be certified annually by an instructor qualified in longline operations.

- If you are on the receiving end or the backhaul end of a longline load, you must be able to communicate to the pilot where you want the load delivered or picked up.
- Use a signal mirror to identify your position to the pilot.
- The drop-off/pick-up area should be as open and free of obstacles as possible. It is extremely difficult to hover straight down between tall trees.
- Once you have contacted the pilot by radio, give him/her all the information you can (cargo weight, wind speed and direction, etc.)
- Mark the drop-off spot with flagging (large "X" on the ground) if possible.
- Keep pilot informed of load status (height above the ground, clear of obstaces, etc.)
- Let the hook land on the ground before attaching load.
- If the electrical release does not release the load, you must manually release it; wait until the hook lands on the ground before releasing.
- For ALL backhaul, a "swivel" must be connected to the cargo/longline hook. NO EXCEPTIONS! (when you request nets, request swivels also).
- Load cargo net with heavy items in the center, light items on top. Tape all boxes and loose items.
- Pull the "purse strings" of the cargo net to equal length and attach a swivel to the steel rings. It's not necessary to "cross" the purse strings with an overhand wrap. The preferred method is to make an oversized collar out of fiber tape that will slip down the purse trings as the load is lifted.



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Helicopter Hand Signals



Clear to Start
Make circular motion
above head w/arm



Hold on Ground Extend arms at 45 thumbs down







Move Upward

Arms extended
sweeping up



Land Here Extend arms w/wind at back



Move Forward

Arms extended &

wave copter toward you



Move Rearward

Arms downward
using shoving motion



Move Left
Right arm extended
left arm sweeps overhead





Move Tail Rotor Rotate body w/one arm extended



Shut Off Engine
Cross neck whand palm down

Close arms inward
Close arms inward





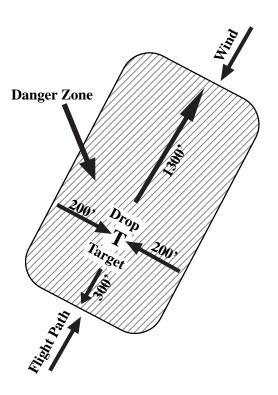
Sling Load Contact forearm w/other hand



Wave Off Don't Land Wave arms & cross overhead

Paracargo Drop Zone

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Paracargo and Aerial Retardant Operations Safety

The paracargo danger zone is a strip of 200 feet on each side of the flight path, 300 feet in the direction of approach, and 1300 feet in the direction of the aircraft when it leaves the target. The following should be observed at all times:

- Mark target area with white or orange "T" in open or cleared area with top of "T" into the wind. Erect paper streamer or flagging on long pole to indicate wind direction.
- An individual should be in charge at drop site.
- All persons, vehicles, and animals should be cleared from the danger zone prior to arrival of the cargo aircraft.
- Camps should be at least 600 feet from target area and outside of danger zone.
- Allow no one in danger zone until drop is complete.
- Beware of "streamers" or parachutes that don't open.

Personnel can be injured by the impact of material dropped by aircraft. Clear personnel out of target area when drop is to be made. If you can't escape:

- Hold your handtool away from your body.
- Lie face down with head toward oncoming aircraft and hardhat in place. Grasp something firm to prevent being carried or rolled about by the dropped liquid.
- Do not run unless escape is assured.
- Get clear of dead snags, tops and limbs in drop area.
- Working in an area covered by wet retardant should be done with caution due to slippery surfaces.

Weight Estimates

(use only if scale is not available)

Weight

<u>Item</u>	Weight
Blevet bag	15 lbs.
Backpack pump (full)	45 lbs.
Cargo net 12x12	20 lbs.
Cargo net 20x20	45 lbs.
Cargo net (fish net)	5 lbs.
Cargo hook (1 hook)	35 lbs.
Jerry can/fuel (5 gal.)	45 lbs.
Canteen (1 gal.)	10 lbs.
Dolmar (full)	15 lbs.
Drip torch (full)	15 lbs.
Fusee (1 case)	30 lbs.
Hand tool (each)	8 lbs.
Lead line (12 ft.)	10 lbs.
Lead line (50 ft.)	30 lbs.
Long line (50 ft.)	30 lbs.
Swivel	5 lbs.
Husqvarna saw (272)	25 lbs.
Husqvarna saw (288)	30 lbs.
Saw pack w/SIGGS	20 lbs.
Hose, 1 1/2" SYN. 100'	15 lbs.
Hose, 2 1/2" SYN. 50'	22 lbs.
Hose, suction, 8 ft.	10 lbs.
Stokes w/ backbrd.	40 lbs.
SKED w/KED	30 lbs.
Trauma bag	35 lbs.
M.R.E., 1 case	25 lbs.
Mark 3 - Pump w/kit	65 lbs.
Mark 26 - Pump w/kit	65 lbs.
1,000 ft. garden hose pack	40 lbs.

Principles of Retardant Application

- Determine tactics direct or indirect based on fire size-up and resources available.
- Establish an anchor point and work from it.
- Use the proper drop height.

- Apply proper coverage levels. (See next page.)
- Drop downhill and down-sun when feasible.
- Drop into the wind for best accuracy.
- Maintain honest evaluation and effective communication between the ground and air.
- Use direct attack only when ground support is available or extinguishment is feasible.
- Plan drops so they can be extended or intersected effectively.
- Monitor retardant effectiveness and adjust its use accordingly.

Directing Retardant and Bucket Drops

- Give general location on incident.
- Finalize location with:

- Clock direction straight in front of the aircraft is 12 o'clock, out the right door is 3 o'clock, the tail is 6 o'clock, and the left door is 9 o'clock. When giving directions, remember that helicopters and air attack generally orbit in a right-hand pattern and air tankers in a left-hand pattern.
- Position on slope lower 1/3, upper 1/3, midslope, top of ridge, etc.
- Aspect direction slope is facing.
- Describe prominent landmarks don't say "I have a red hardhat, I'm wearing a yellow shirt, I'm waving, I'm by the big rock, "etc." Visualize what the pilot sees from the air and describe target.
- Use signal mirrors use smoke or fusee if mirror unavailable. Stand in drop location (when safe) for ID and move away before drop.
- Describe target from your location and explain mission. The pilot will decide drop technique and flight path.
- Assure pilot all personnel are safe and know aircraft intentions before the drop.
- Give feedback to pilot about drop accuracy. Be honest and constructive. Let pilot know if drop is early, late, uphill, downhilll, on target, too high, too low, etc. Report low drops immediately.

Recommended Retardant Coverage Levels

Heavy slash			13	I
Medium slash	than 800	than 6	12	J
California mixed chaparral: high pocosin	Greater	Greater	4	В.О.
Intermediate brush (cured): Alaska Black Spruce			6	F.O.
Southern rough	601-800	6		0
Shortneedle conifer (heavy dead litter)	401-600	4	10	G
Light slash			11	K
Intermediate brush (green)			5	F
Sawgrass	251-400	3	3	N
Sagebrush with grass			2	Т
Longneedle conifer: fall hardwood			9	E.P.U.
Shortneedle closed conifer: summer hardwood	151-250	2	8	H.R.
Conifer with grass			2	С
Annual & perennial western grasses: tundra	100-150	1	1	A.L.S.
Description	Flow Rate Range (gal/sec)	Coverage Level (gal/100ft²	FB	Fuel Model NFDRS

Aircraft Mishap Response Actions

Time is extremely critical when responding to an emergency. Immediate positive action is necessary; delay may effect someone's survival.

Rescue Operations

· Preserve life.

- Secure the area (deny access except to credentialed and escorted media).
- Do whatever is necessary to extricate injured occupants, and to extinguish fires, keeping in mind the necessity of protecting and preserving evidence.
- Document and/or photograph the location of any debris which must be disturbed in order to carry out rescues and/or fire suppression activities.

Site Safety Precaution

Aircraft wreckage sites can be hazardous for many reasons other than adverse terrain or climatic conditions. Personnel involved in the recovery, examination, and documentation of wreckage may be exposed to physical hazards posed by such as hazardous cargo, flammable and toxic fluids, sharp or heavy objects, and disease. It's important to exercise good judgment, use available protective devices and clothing, and use extreme caution when working in the wreckage. Do not exceed your physical limitations.

Reportable Safety Concerns

If a situation appears unsafe, discuss your concern with the pilot, or immediately contact your dispatcher or agency aviation representative for assistance.

Any safety concern should be documented on a SAFECOM and forwarded through agency channels. A SAFECOM is used to report any condition, observance, act, maintenance problem, or circumstance that has the potential to cause an aviation-related mishap. This type of follow-up helps improve overall aviation safety.

If the mishap involves damage or injury, notify the Agency's Aviation Safety Office (ASO) immediately by the most expeditious means available.

USDA-FS/USDI-OAS 24-Hour accident Reporting Hot Line Dial 1-888-464-7427 or 1-888-4MISHAP

OAS Web Site - www.oas.gov

USFS Visual Signal Code Ground To Air

Require doctor, serious injury		=
Able to ride horse		2
Need stretcher crew		2 3 4 5 6 ± 8 9 L
Broken leg		4
Broken arm		5
Broken back		6
Head injury		\pm
Puncture wound		8
Unable to diagnose		9
Jumper OK		L
Personnel OK		LL
Fire adequately staffed		=
Change jump spot		J
Cargo drop target		Ŧ
Helicopter landing spot		Η
Need cross-cut saw		S
Need power saw		SS
Need climbers		O
Need drinking water		U
Need food		F
Need radio with batteries		R
Need batteries for radio		RR
Need power pump outfit		PP
Received message	Wave strea	mer
Air to Ground		

Received message	Rock plane
Fire here	Circle three times over spot
Will drop message	Gun motor three times

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Relative Humidity - 1400-5000' Elevation

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Severe Fire Behavior Potential Related to Relative Humidity and Fuel Moisture Content

R.H. %	1-HR F.M. %	10-HR F.M.%	Relative ease of chance ignition and spotting; general burning conditions					
F	Rule of Thumb - Add Fine Fuel $%=RH$ divided by 5							
>60	>20	>15	Very little ignition; some spotting may occur with winds above 9 mi./h.					
45-60	15-19	12-15	Low ignition hazardcampfires become dangerous; glowing brands cause ignition when relative humidity is <50 percent.					
30-45	11-14	10-12	Medium ignitabilitymatches become dangerous; "easy" burning conditions.					
26-40	8-10	8-9	High ignition hazardmatches always dangerous; occasional crowning, spotting caused by gusty winds; "moderate" burning conditions.					
15-30	5-7	5-7	Quick ignition, rapid buildup, extensive crowning; any increase in wind causes increased spotting, crowning, loss of control; fire moves up bark of trees igniting aerial fuels; long distance spotting in pine stands; dangerous burning conditions.					
<15	<5	<5	All sources of ignition dangerous; aggressive burning, spot fires occur often and spread rapidly, extreme fire behavior probable; critical burning conditions.					

Windspeed Ranges
Frontal winds Too broad a range to be specific.
Foehn 40 to 60 mi/hr common; up to 90 mi/hr reported at 20 ft.
Land breeze2 to 3 hours after sunset, 3 to 5 mi/hr at 20 ft.
Pacific sea breeze 10 to 15 mi/hr at 20 ft.
Up-valley winds . 10 to 15 mi/hr, early afternoon and evening at 20 ft.
Upslope winds as high as 4 to 8 mi/hr at midflame height.
Downslope winds

Wind Class	Sneed Nomenclature		
1	<3	Very light - smoke rises nearly vertically. Leaves of quaking aspen in constant motion; small branches of bushes sway; slender branches an twigs of trees move gently; tall grasses and weeds sway and bend with wind; wind vane barely moves.	
2	4-7	Light - trees of pole size in the open sway gently; wind felt distinctly on face; loose scraps of paper move; wind flutters small flag.	
3	8-12	Gentle breeze - trees of pole size in the open sway very noticeably; large branches of pole size trees in the open toss; tops of trees in dense stands sway; wind extends small flag; a few crested waves for on lakes.	
4	13-18	Moderate breeze - trees of pole size in the open sway violently; whole trees in dense stands sway noticeable; dust is raised on the road.	
5	19-24	Fresh - branchlets are broken from trees; inconvenience is felt in walking against wind.	
6	25-31	Strong - tree damage increases with occasional breaking of exposed tops and branches; progress impeded when walking against wind; light structural damage to buildings.	
7	32-38	Moderate gale - severe damage to tree tops; very difficult to walk int wind; significant structural damage occurs.	
8	>39	Fresh gale - surfaced strong Santa Ana; intense stress on all exposed objects, vegetation, buildings; canopy offers virtually no protection; wind flow is systematic in disturbing everything in its path.	

Media Interviews

- Prepare. Know the facts. Develop 2-3 key
 messages and deliver them. Prepare responses to
 potential tough questions. If possible, talk to
 reporter beforehand to get an idea of subjects,
 direction and slant of the interview.
- Be concise. Give 10-20 second, simple answers, and when you're done, be quiet. If you botch the answer, simply ask to start again.
- Be honest, personable, professional, presentable (remove sunglasses and hats).
- Look at the reporter, not the camera.
- Ensure media are escorted and wearing PPE when going to the fireline or hazardous sites.
- Ensure local Public Affairs office is aware of media visits.
- NEVER talk "off the record," exaggerate, or try to be cute or funny.
- DON'T guess or speculate or say "no comment." Either explain why you can't answer the question or offer to track down the answer.
- DON'T disagree with the reporter. Instead, tactfully and immediately clarify and correct the information.
- DON'T speak for other agencies or offices; or use jargon or acronyms.

Fire Cause Determination Checklist

- Take essential investigation materials to the incident
- Make notes of all your actions and findings including:
 - Time fire was reported.

- Name and identification of reporting party.
- Enroute observations people and vehicles.
- Name and identification of persons or vehicles in vicinity of fire origin.
- Record the weather.
- Locate and protect fire origin.
- Search fire origin area for physical evidence of fire cause.
- Protect evidence. **Do not remove** unless necessary to prevent destruction.
- Make sketches of origin area with measurements of relative locations of all evidence.
- Take photographs from all angles including long and medium distance, and close-up views of fire origin area and evidence.
- Turn over all notes, information, and physical evidence to the responsible law enforcement representative, or make your notes part of the official fire record.

Law Enforcement Field Safety

- There is no such thing as a "routine contact."
- Avoid confrontational situations.

- Be alert to potential problems. When making a contact, remain professional. Plan your approach. Recon the area and situation. The following indicators may alert you to a potentially dangerous situation:
 - Violator(s) is openly hostile.
 - Violator(s) is intoxicated.
 - Violator(s) is under the influence of drugs.
 - Violator(s) has weapons.
 - You are making contact alone.
 - Contact is made during night hours.
- The violator may have committed the offense unknowingly or accidentally, and should be treated with respect. If you believe this to be a potentially hostile contact:
 - Make every effort to have one or more additional officers with you.
 - Prior to leaving your vehicle, radio dispatch and report your location and nature of business. If possible, let violator see you use the radio.
 - Prior to leaving your vehicle, record vehicle license numbers, etc.
 - Obtain any information you can from adjacent users (complainants) before contacting violator.
- Be courteous, confident, firm, tactful. Let violator speak.
 Don't show anger, threaten, talk down to them, use profanity, play down the offense, or try to be clever/witty.

Line Production Rates for Initial Action

in Chains per Person per Hour

NOTE: Use these rates to estimate initial action productivity. Do not use these rates to estimate sustained line construction, burnout, or holding productivity. Initial action may consist of scratch line construction and hotspotting.

Fire Behavior Fuel Model	Specific Conditions	Construction Rate in Chains per person per hour
1 Short grass	Grass Tundra	4.0 1.0
2 Open timber/ Grass understory	All	3.0
3 Tall grass	All	0.7
4 Chaparral	Chaparral High pocosin	0.4 0.7
5 Brush	All	0.7
6 Dormant brush/ Hardwood slash	Black spruce Others	0.7 1.0
7 Southern rough	All	0.7
8 Closed timber litter	Conifers Hardwoods	2.0 10.0
9 Hardwood Litter	Conifers Hardwoods	2.0 8.0
10 Timber (litter & understory)	All	1.0
11 Logging slash, light	All	1.0
12 Logging slash, medium	All	1.0
13 Logging slash, heavy	All	0.4

Line Production Rates for Initial Action by Engine Crews in Chains per Crew per Hour

in Chains per Crew per Hour

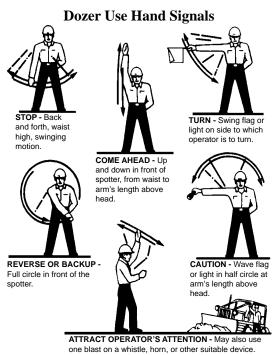
NOTE: Use these rates to estimate initial action productivity. Do not use these rates to estimate sustained line construction, burnout, or holding productivity. Initial action may consist of scratch line construction and hotspotting.

		Chains per Crew Hour					
Fire Behavior Fuel Model	Specific Conditions	Number of Persons in Crew					
		1	2	3	4	5+	
1 Short grass	Grass Tundra	6 2	12 8	24 15	35 24	40 30	
2 Open timber/ grass understory	All	3	7	15	21	25	
3 Tall grass	All	2	5	10	14	16	
4 Chaparral	Chaparral High pocosin	2 2	3 4	8 10	15 15	20 18	
5 Brush (2 ft.)	All	3	6	12	16	20	
6 Dormant brush/ Hardwood slash	Black Spruce Others	3 3	6 6	10 12	16 16	20 20	
7 Southern rough	All	2	5	12	16	20	
8 Closed timber litter	Conifers Hardwoods	3 10	8 30	15 40	20 50	24 60	
9 Hardwood litter	Conifers Hardwoods	3 8	7 25	12 40	18 50	22 60	
10 Timber (litter & understory)	All	3	8	12	16	20	
11 Logging slash, light	All	3	8	12	16	20	
12 Logging slash, medium	All	3	5	10	16	20	
13 Logging slash, heavy	All	2	4	8	15	20	

Dozer Fireline Construction Rates (single pass) in Chains/Hour NOTE: Prediction rates vary with conditions. The higher rate can be used for newer dozers (1975 and later).

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Fire Behavior	Up or Down			ope ass	
Fuel Model	Slope	1 0-25%	2 26-40%	3 41-55%	4 56-74%
Type III Dozer	Up	55-90	30-55	8-30	0-8
1,2	Down	90-110	90-110	20-90	0-20
3,5,8	Up	45-70	25-45	2-25	0-2
	Down	70-80	65-80	0-65	0
4.00	Up Down	20-35 35-40	10-20 25-40	0-10 0-25	0
6,7,9	Up Down	35-55 55-60	15-35 40-60	0-15 0-40	0
11,12	Up Down	15-25 25-30	7-15 10-30	0-7 0-10	0
10,13	Up Down	8-15 10-15	3-8 5-10	0-3 0-5	0
Type II Dozer	Up	85-125	60-85	30-60	0-30
1,2	Down	125-145	130-145	75-130	0-75
3,5,8	Up	70-105	45-70	15-45	0-15
	Down	105-120	105-120	55-105	0-55
4.00	Up	35-60	20-35	2-20	0-2
	Down	60-75	65-76	20-65	0-20
6,7,9	Up	50-85	30-50	7-30	0-7
	Down	85-100	85-100	40-85	0-40
11,12	Up	25-40	15-25	1-15	O-1
	Down	40-55	45-55	0-45	O
10,13	Up Down	10-20 20-25	7-10 20-25	0-7 0-20	0
Type I Dozer	Up	100-140	70-100	35-70	0-35
1,2	Down	140-155	140-155	85-140	0-85
3,5,8	Up	75-110	50-75	20-50	0-20
	Down	110-130	110-130	55-110	0-55
4.00	Up	45-70	30-45	8-30	0-8
	Down	70-80	75-85	25-75	0-25
6,7,9	Up	65-95	40-65	15-40	0-15
	Down	95-110	90-110	50-90	0-50
11,12	Up	35-55	20-35	3-20	0-3
	Down	55-65	55-65	6-55	0-6
10,13	Up Down	20-35 35-40	9-20 30-40	0-9 0-30	0



SIGNALS GIVEN BY OPERATOR

- CAN'T SEE SPOTTER Gun motor twice.
 WANT DOZER HELPER TO COME TO DOZER Gun motor once.

ICS Equipment Typing

Engines

Components	Structur	e Engines		Wild	land En	gines	
Components	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Pump Rating minimum flow (gpm) at rated pressure (psi)	1000+ 150	250+ 150	150 250	50 100	50 100	30 100	10 100
Tank Capacity Range (gal)	400+	400+	500+	750+	400- 750	150 400	50- 200
Hose (feet) 2-1/2 inch 1-1/2 inch 1 inch	1200 400 	1000 500 	500 500	300 300	300 300	300 300	 200
Ladders (feet)	48	48					
Master Stream (gpm)	500						
Personnel (minimum)	4	3	2	2	2	2	2

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- Common Additional Needs:

 All-wheel drive

 Pump and roll

 High pressure pump (minimum 40 gpm @ 250psi)

 Class A Foam Proportioner

 Compressed air foam system (CAFS) with minimum 40 cfm compressor

 Additional personnel

ICS Equipment Typing (cont.)

Other Resources

Resource	C	Minimum Standards for Type					
Resource	Components	1	2	3	4		
Water Tender	Tank Capacity (gal)	5000+	2500+	1000+			
	Pump Capacity (gpm)*	300+	200+	200+			
	Off Load Capacity (gpm)	300+	200+	200+			
	Max. Refill Time (minutes)	30	20	15			
Helicopters	Seats, including pilot (min.)	16	10	5	3		
	Card Weight Capacity (lbs) 5000 2500		2500	1200	600		
	Tank, gallons of retardant (min.)	700	300	100	75		
	Examples	Bell214	Bell 204 205,212	Bell 206	Bell 47		
Air Tankers	Minimum Capacity (gal)	3000	1800	600	100		
	Examples	C-130 P-3 DC-7	DC-7 SP2H P2V	S-2	Thrush		
Helitanker	- Fixed Tank - Air Tanker Board Certified - 1,100 Min. Gal. Capacity	•					
Dozer	Horse Power Personnel	170 2	93 2	65 2			
Tractor-Plow	Horse Power Personnel	180 2	110 2	75 2	<75 2		

^{*} Portable pump acceptable

Water Delivery Information

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GPM for nozzles

Forester 3/16 tip: 10 gpm (50 psi nozzle pressure)

3/8 tip: 30 gpm (50 psi nozzle pressure)

Variable Pattern One inch: 20 gpm (100 psi nozzle pressure)

1-1/2 inch: 60 gpm (100 psi nozzle pressure)

Maximum efficient flow

One inch hose: 30 gpm

1-1/2 inch hose: 100 gpm

Useful Information

Test for flow (gpm) bytime required to fill a fedco (5 gal. in 15 sec.=20 gpm)

Maximum vertical height for drafting = 12 ft. (Mark 3)

Loss of one foot draft per 1000 feet elevation

Head pressure loss or gain: 5 psi per 10 feet elevation

Friction loss for one inch hose:

10 gpm = 4 psi per 100 ft.

20 gpm = 12 psi per 100 ft.

30 gpm = 26 psi per 100 ft.

Friction loss for 1 1/2 "hose:

10 gpm = 5 psi per 100 ft.

20 gpm = 13 psi per 100 ft.

60 gpm = 13 psi per 100 ft.

Vise check valve for pumping uphill to overcome back pressure at pump.

Avoid use of hard suction for tandem pumping. Not designed to withstand positive pressures.

Pump pressure = nozzle pressure + friction loss of hoselay ± head pressure + appliance friction loss.

A double hose lay will reduce friction loss 1/4 of a single hoselay.

Friction loss for gated wye: 5 psi

Use of two suction hoses on intake will increase net pump pressure.

Maximum horizontal distance-pumping

Single Mark 3 pump, 1 1/2 "hose, 50 psi nozzle pressure

10 gpm: 40,000 ft.

60 gpm: 800 ft.

Maximum vertical distance-pumping

Single Mark 3 pump, 1 1/2 "hose, 50 psi nozzle pressure

10 gpm: 4000 ft.

60 gpm: 300 ft.

(Friction loss for hose not included)

20 gpm: 200 ft.
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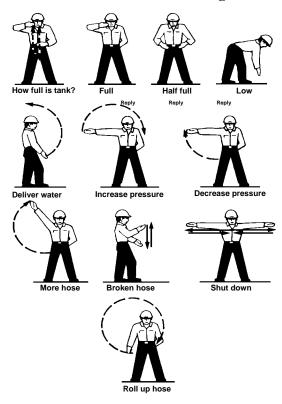
Foam Concentrate to Add

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	2.5 GAL	2.25 GAL	2.0 GAL	1.75 GAL	1.5 GAL	1.25 GAL	GAL	.75 GAL	0.5 GAL	32 OZ	250	GALLONS OF WATER
	3.0 GAL	2.75 GAL	2.5 GAL	2.0 GAL	1.75 GAL	1.5 GAL	GAL	0.9 GAL	76 OZ	38 Z	300	\TER
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	4.0 GAL	3.5 GAL	3.0 GAL	2.75 GAL	2.5 GAL	2.0 GAL	1.6 GAL	1.2 GAL	0.8 GAL	51 OZ	400	
5	4.5 GAL	4.0 GAL	3.5 GAL	3.0 GAL	2.75 GAL	2.25 GAL	1.8 GAL	1.3 GAL	0.9 GAL	58 OZ	450	
	5.0 GAL	4.5 GAL	4.0 GAL	3.5 GAL	3.0 GAL	2.5 GAL	2.0 GAL	1.5 GAL	GAL	0.5 GAL	500	

Wildland Water Use Hand Signals

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Average Perimeter in Chains

Acres	Perimeter	Acres	Perimeter
1	17	100	170
2	24	150	200
3	29	200	240
4	34	300	300
5	38	400	350
7	45	500	375
10	53	600	425
15	65	700	450
20	75	800	475
25	85	900	500
30	90	1,000	525
40	105		
50	120		
75	150		

One chain = 66 feet

Standard Tones/Frequencies

TO	TONES TACTICALS			AIR/ OUND		
1	110.9			16	57.950	
2	123.0					
3	131.8					
4	136.5					
5	146.2					
6	156.7					
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Local Frequencies

SIMPLEX	REPEAT	TONE

Contact List/Phone Numbers

Position/Name	Agency	Phone#/ Radio Freq.
FIRE	CRASH RES	CUE
Fire Rescue		
	MEDICAL	
Ambulance Air Ambulance Hospital Hospital Burn Center Poison Center		
LAW	ENFORCEM	ENT
Police Police Site Security		
ACCIDE	NT INVESTIC	GATION
24-hr. Reporting Safety Mgr.		

Fire Size Class

Class	Size
A	0-1/4 acre
В	1/4 - 10 acres
C	10 - 99 acres
D	100 - 299 acres
E	300 - 999 acres
F	1000 - 4999 acres
G	5000+ acres

Phonetic Alphabet

	Law Enforcement	International
A	Adam	Alpha
В	Boy	Bravo
\mathbf{C}	Charles	Charlie
D	David	Delta
\mathbf{E}	Edward	Echo
F	Frank	Foxtrot
\mathbf{G}	George	Golf
H	Henry	Hotel
I	Ida	India
J	John	Julliett
K	King	Kilo
L	Lincoln	Lima
M	Mary	Mike
N	Nora	November
O	Ocean	Oscar
P	Paul	Papa
Q	Queen	Quebec
R	Robert	Romeo
\mathbf{S}	Sam	Sierra
T	Tom	Tango
\mathbf{U}	Union	Uniform
\mathbf{V}	Victor	Victor
\mathbf{W}	William	Whiskey
X	X-Ray	X-Ray
Y	Young	Yankee
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	Briefing Check l	list
1. Incident Status	Location	
Size	Jurisdiction	
Previous Fire Behavior	•	
2. Incident Site	Forest/Grassland/etc.	
Terrain		
Hazards		
3. Fuel Conditions	Live Fuels	Fire Danger
1-Hour	10-Hour	1000-Hour
4. Weather Conditions	Current: TEMP WIND SPEED/DIR RH	Forecasted: TEMP WIND SPEED/DIR RH
5. Command/Control	Incident Commander	•
Resources on Incident/C	Ordered	
Tactical Objectives		
Assignment		
Communications COMMAND:	Key Radio Frequences TACTICAL:	AIR TO GROUND:
6. Fire Behavior	Current	Forecasted
7. Aviation	Aircraft	
Hazards		
Restrictions		

FIRE ORDERS

- ${f F}$ ight fire aggressively but provide for safety first.
- ${f I}$ nitiate all action based on current and expected fire behavior.
- **R** ecognize current weather conditions and obtain forecasts.
- ${\boldsymbol E}$ nsure **instructions** are given and understood.
- ${f O}$ btain current information on the **fire status**.
- **R** emain in **communication** with crew members, your supervisor, and adjoining forces.
- **D** etermine safety zones and escape routes.
- E stablish lookouts in potentially hazardous situations.
- R etain control at all times.

S tay alert, keep calm, think clearly, act decisively.

WATCH OUT SITUATIONS

- 1. Fire not scouted and sized up.
- 2. In country not seen in daylight.
- 3. Safety zones and escape routes not identified.
- 4. Unfamiliar with weather and local factors influencing fire behavior.
- 5. Uninformed on strategy, tactics, and hazards.
- 6. Instructions and assignments not clear.
- 7. No communication link with crew members or supervisor.
- 8. Constructing line without safe anchor point.
- 9. Building fireline downhill with fire below.
- 10. Attempting frontal assault on fire.
- 11. Unburned fuel between you and fire.
- 12. Cannot see main fire; not in contact with someone who
- 13. On a hillside where rolling material can ignite fuel below.
- 14. Weather becoming hotter and drier.
- 15. Wind increases and/or changes direction.
- 16. Getting frequent spot fires across line.
- 17. Terrain and fuels make escape to safety zones difficult.
- 18. Taking a nap near fireline.